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I repeat our No. 133[a].

("La Bourse Egyptienne[BIRZHA EGIPTA]")(b) "KROM"[i] will be wearing glasses with dark lenses. Our man is to approach him and say good day[ii].

[35 groups unrecoverable]

Notes: [a] Not available.

[b] This is presumably a reference to the CAIRO newspaper, La Bourse Egyptienne, which may have been used as a means of recognition at the meeting. (BIRZHA EGIPTA, translated literally, means 'the Egyptian Exchange'.)

Comments: [i] KROM : Unidentified cover-name: Also occurs in MOSCOW's No. 91 of 21st July, 1964 (not published) and No. 140 of 26th August, 1964 (3/NEP/T1713).

This is not, however, a name of Russian origin.

[ii] : This message is a reply to MOSCOW's 1122 of 13/8/64 (not published) asking for a repeat from the words "BIRZHA EGIPTA" to the end of the message.

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